

August 14, 2003

Mr. Mark B. Jones
Vice President of Maintenance
Era Aviation, Inc.
6160 Carl Brady Drive
Anchorage, AK 99502

Dear Mr. Jones:

We are pleased to inform you that on July 18, 2003, we amended Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), parts 121, 125, and 135 as they relate to digital flight data recorder (DFDR) required measurements on aircraft. This letter transmits the final rule (copy enclosed) and notifies you that we will take no further action on your exemption request.

On May 7, 2003, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Era Aviation, Inc., (Era) for an extension of and amendment to Exemption No. 7605, which allows Era to operate certain helicopters under §135.152 without an approved DFDR. The amendment would have allowed Era to add two Sikorsky S-76A helicopters to the list of helicopters that could be operated under this exemption.

The rule change now covers the relief you seek. Therefore, we will take no further action on your request, and we will close this project (public docket No. FAA-2001-10007).

Sincerely,

/s/
Ida M. Klepper
Manager, Airmen and
Airspace Rules Division